Proposal to Establish a Security Printing Press in Karnataka

3437. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of security printing presses in the country, Statewise, indicating their installed capacity and output;

(b) whether it is a fact that Karnataka Government had submitted a proposal to establish a security printing press for Central Government in order to create employment; and

(c) if so, what is the Central Governments decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) There are two security printing presses in the country, one at Nashik in Maharashtra and the other at Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh. The details regarding installed capacity and the output are given in the statement

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

Installed capacity and the output of Security Printing Presses

	Item	Annual Capacity	Output for 1990-91
		(In Crores Pieces)	
A. INDIA SECURITY PRESS, NASHIK	Post Card (Single and reply)	55.00	60.04
	Ordinary Envelopes	10.00	15.60
	Registration Envelopes	0.80	0.82
	Inland Cards (Letters) (Conventional and Versatile)	72.00	70.69
	Green Envelopes	4.00	4.81
	Aerogrammes	3.00	2.79
	Non-Postal Adhesive Stamps	2.00	1.14
	Non-Judicial and Allied Stamps	8.69	12.92
	Cheques (Non MICR)	2.70	1.84
	Cheques (MICR)	5.06	3.41
	Agmark labels & Passes	2.70	1.22
	Passport Booklets	0.17	0.10
	Miscellaneous security items, i.e., Savings Instruments, Railway Warrants, Sales-tax Forms, Import Licence, etc.	8.79	9.46
	Pulbic and Service	3.58	5.28
	Postage Stamps	Issue Sheets	Issue sheets
	Special commemorative Stamps	35 Issues	44 Issues
8. SECURITY PRINING PRESS, HYDERABAD.	Post Cards	37	26.1
	Inland Letter Cards	34	33.2
	Envelopes	11	6.56
	Central Excise Stamps	2600	2504.95
	Non-Judicial Stamps	12	1.68

Evasion of Excise duty by RIL

3438. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reliance Industries Limited has evaded excise duty of Rs. 120 crores;

(b) if so, whether the Central Board of Excise and Customs has written a strong letter to the Union Law Minster in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to revive the case of duty evasion against the firm?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No case of excise duty evasion of Rs. 120 crores